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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that there is no question of the Government overruling what the Commission says in such matters. Matters are being referred to the Commission for its remarks in appropriate cases."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" With reference to the answer just now given, may I know whether the recommendations of the Public Service Commission in regard to disciplinary matters are accepted by the Government as they are and whether there are not instances in which the Government have rejected the recommendations of the Commission?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know what is the percentage of cases in which the Government differ from the decisions of the Tribunal?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am sorry I do not have the statistics with me."

Improvement of slums under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954.

* 292 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the number of slums improved or taken up for improvement so far under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954, with details of cost of each scheme?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have decided to draw up a programme of slum improvement and to acquire and improve slums under the provisions of the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act. Proposals for drawing up the programme have been received from the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras. They are under the consideration of the Government."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Have the Government considered the extension of this Act to mufassal municipal towns in view of the fact that slum clearance is given an important place in the Second Five-Year Plan for municipal areas?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That may be done in due course. Not now."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" It is a long time, quite a long time, since this subject of slum improvement was taken up by the Corporation of Madras. When I was a member of the Corporation Council, this subject went on and on but for want of finance nothing could be done to improve the slums. Has any real improvement been made to the slums in the past? Has any

improvement worth mentioning been made for improving the slums either by the Corporation of Madras with or without the assistance of the Government of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Madras Corporation raised a loan of Rs. 30 lakhs in 1951–52 and they have improved 50 slumps standing on Government lands and on Corporation lands. The Corporation has now submitted a scheme of slum improvement to the Government of India asking for about Rs. 5 crores, 50 per cent of it as a subsidy and the other 50 per cent as a loan. The Government of India have said that they cannot give a subsidy but they can give an interest-bearing loan."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Are the Government satisfied with the progress made by the Corporation of Madras in the matter of slum improvement? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already stated what the Corporation has so far done."

Maintenance of stock register in the Barnard Institute of Radiology, Madras.

*293 *Q*.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any stock register in regard to furniture, equipments, etc., is maintained in the Barnard Institute of Radiology, Madras;

(*b*) if so, who is the officer expected to maintain this stock register;

(*c*) how condemned articles are disposed of; and

(*d*) if the disposal is by auction, who are the auctioneers?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A stock register of the Radiological equipment and stores is maintained by the Store-keeper attached to the Barnard Institute of Radiology. The furniture Steward of the Government General Hospital is maintaining a stock register of furniture and fittings of the hospital including those in the Barnard Institute.

" (*c*) The condemned articles are effectively destroyed or auctioned according to the recommendation of the Condemnation Board.

" (*d*) Messrs. Wright & Co., Madras, are the auctioneers for the hospital for 1955–56."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I know who are the members of the Condemnation Board? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Condemnation Board of the Barnard Institute of Radiology consists of the Director, the Seniormost Radiologist in the Diagnostic and Therapeutic sections and the Officer in charge of the stores, viz., the First Physician."